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## Water main work requires overnight lane closures on Ashland Avenue at 138<sup>th</sup> Street

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of ongoing improvements on Wood Street/Ashland Avenue, the installation of a new water main on Ashland Avenue at 138<sup>th</sup> Street, in Riverdale, will require lane closures, down to a single lane with flaggers at the intersection, weather permitting, from 6 p.m. tonight, Monday, Nov. 27, to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

An alternative route is Halsted, 147<sup>th</sup> (Sibley Boulevard) and 127<sup>th</sup> streets.

Motorists also should continue to expect various intermittent daytime lane closures on Wood Street/Ashland Avenue between 138<sup>th</sup> and 161<sup>st</sup> streets for watermain replacement and roadway reconstruction. At least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction. Access to local residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project.

The overall \$98.9 million improvement project will completely rebuild Wood Street/Ashland Avenue, from 138<sup>th</sup> Street, in Riverdale, to 161<sup>st</sup> Street, in Harvey, passing through Dixmoor, to include new curbs, gutters and lighting. The project will also improve capacity, modernize traffic signals and turn lanes, implement smoother and safer railroad crossings and include landscaping and aesthetic enhancements. The bridge over the Little Calumet River will be rehabilitated and a new multi-use path on the west side of Wood Street, between 144<sup>th</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup> streets will be built. Additionally, a new storm sewer system will be installed, and municipal water mains will be replaced.

The entire project is expected to be completed in late 2024.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

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